Rotary Bendigo South

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

SIGNPOST

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We meet Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Lakeview Hotel, McRae Street (TBC weekly)

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President's report

Hello to our esteemed fellow Rotarians, their partners and community visitors.

Last Thursday, we have the pleasure and facilitated our Club's first Vocational Visit to JL King and Co. - food manufacturing and distribution located at East Bendigo. We were welcomed by Steve Johnson, who has given us a succinct history and a well executed manufacturing informative tour of the premises as well as an excellent presentations of many food packaging. We also have the opportunity witnessing the staffs at work.

There were 25 Club members, partners and community friends present. The inspection tour was appreciated by those in attendance as evidenced by the many questions and comments. Thank you and extend my appreciation to our Rotarian Tony Plant for organising this visit. After the tour, we went to the Botanical Garden Hotel for tea, continuing our networking.

I would take this opportunity to welcome Vicky Reyes, representing the Bendigo Filipino Community as our new Rotarian Member. I would also thank Laura Ramirez from Bendigo Columbian Community, Tony and Lily (Lyn Comers) friend for joining us.

I would like to remind our Club Members for the upcoming Rotary Club of Bendigo Foundation Dinner on 27th October held at the Bendigo Club (more details at the Signpost).

Yours in Rotary
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic
President

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Vocational Visit to J L King and Co. food manufacturing and distribution

Some 25 members, partners and friends visited J L king and Co food manufacturing and distributors and were given an excellent presentation and tour of the factory premises. Thank you to J L King and Co for the presentation of an excellent state of the art facility which

employs 150 and services many outlets within Australia. This important industry provides packaged food for distribution and community consumption.

The inspection tour was appreciated by those in attendance as evidenced by the many questions and comments. Thank you to Tony for the organisation of the visit.

Rod Spitty
Vocations Director



Prospective member Vicky, Tony McCarthy, Rosemary Madden, President Cora, Heather, Gary and Shishu all look very glamorous in their party hats!





Prepared meals exit the high risk preparation area into the low risk labelling and general handling area, and packaged fresh produce is assembled to meet purchase orders.



Lindsay and Nena, Gary, Tony, Vicky, Laura, Rosemary, tour guide Steve Johnson, Glenn, Lilly, Shishu, Lyn and Tony, President Cora, Heather, Rod, and Betty at the end of the visit to JL King and Co..

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October social event

Date and time: 12 noon, Sun 18 Oct 2026
Where: Munari Wines - 1129 Northern Highway, Ladys Pass (Heathcote)
Cost: $40ph for pizzas and charcuterie boards plus drinks. Pay on the day at winery.
Tasting Cost: $10 to taste 6 different wines but free with a purchase of a bottle of wine.
Please call or text Trevor Hawking (0428 066 838) or Paul Sherwood (0408 512 537) if you can come, and how many people please. **RSVP: Fri 16 Oct**.

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Meeting program

Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
OCTOBER THEME: ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Thurs 1 Oct	Patrice McCarthy Phoenix FM 106.7	Lyn	TBA	Lake View Hote
Thurs 8 Oct	First quarter reporting	Cora	TBA	Lake View Hote
Sunday 18 Oct	Munari Winery lunch 12pm. Ladys Pass	Trevor and Paul		1129 Northern Highway
Thurs 22 Oct	EWASH in Ethiopia	Lindsay	TBA	Lake View Hote
Tues 27 Oct	Bendigo Rotary Foundation dinner	Wayne Smith		Bendigo Club
Thurs 29 Oct	Mental Health. Manorama Shah Bendigo Comm Health	Heather	TBA	Lake View Hote

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Volunteers wanted

Saturday 3 Oct	Lansell Square market BBQ	10am - 3pm. 3 volunteers	
Friday 23 Oct and Sat 24 Oct	Bendigo Show	10am – 1pm & 1pm – 4 pm 3 volunteers each shift	
Saturday 7 Nov	Lansell Square market BBQ	10am - 3pm. 3 volunteers	
Friday 20 Nov	La Trobe Uni BBQ	10.30 – 1.30 4 volunteers	
Saturday 28 Nov	Activism Against Family Violence BBQ Canterbury Park Eaglehawk	8 am – 11 am 3 volunteers	
Sunday 29 Nov	Mandurang Christmas Market BBQ	9am – 12.30, & 12.30 – 4pm 4 volunteers each shift	
Saturday 5 Dec	Lansell Square market BBQ	10am - 3pm. 3 volunteers	
Monday 7Dec	CFMEU Christmas BBQ. Bendigo Jockey Club	9am – 3 pm	

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator George Ellis if you can assist.
Email: george_ellis55@outlook.com ; Mobile: 0438353414

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ROTARY D9800
FORMER GOLDFIELDS CLUSTERS
2026 FOUNDATION DINNER

Rotarians, Partners and Guests are cordially invited to attend our Foundation Dinner to be held on Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 6:30pm for 7:00pm at The Bendigo Club, Park Street, Strathdale.

Come and join Past District Governor Peter Shepheard and District Foundation Director Julie Mason for an evening of great fellowship and a little fund raising for the "End Polio Now" Project.

Tickets: $60 per person for a three-course meal and a welcoming drink on arrival.
Other drinks during the evening at bar prices.
RSVP no later than 20TH October 2026 but earlier advice to
Wayne Smith, RC of Bendigo at chartall2@bigpond.com would be appreciated.
Payments can be made by Direct Debit to
The Rotary Club of Bendigo BSB: 633000 Account No: 159 247 410
or via your Club Foundation Director

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Bendigo Fine Music event

Bendigo Fine Music Celebrates the 175th Anniversary of the discovery of Gold with a piano concert down the Central Deborah Mine!

Never before has a grand piano been put down a mine - plenty of concerts in the adits of mines - but this is a first!!

Merlyn Quaife

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Dementia Alliance movie fund raiser

Dear friends and supporters,
We would love to invite you to join us for a special screening of **Practical Magic** in support of **Dementia Alliance**. This will be a fun and relaxed fundraising event, bringing people together for a great movie while helping us continue the work we are doing through **Reflections at Eppalock** to support people living with dementia, their carers and our wider community.
Date: Thursday 1st October **Time:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm
Venue: Star Cinema – Town Hall – Eaglehawk
Tickets: $22.00
LINK https://www.starcinema.org.au/movie/dementia-alliance-fundraiser-practical-magic-2
Fundraising events like this help us continue developing inclusive programs, activities and spaces at Reflections at Eppalock, while also supporting our broader work in dementia awareness, carer support and community connection.
Warm regards,
Sandra


Dementia Alliance
Together we make a difference
MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER
PRACTICAL MAGIC 2
Join us for a magical evening at the movies while supporting Dementia Alliance.
THURSDAY
1ST OCTOBER
DOORS OPEN
6.30PM
MOVIE STARTS
7.00PM
STAR CINEMA TOWN HALL
EAGLEHAWK
TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE STAR CINEMA WEBSITE
Lucky Door Prize!
TICKETS $5 EACH
BE IN THE DRAW TO WIN!
ENQUIRIES
hello@dementiaalliance.au
0417 350 911
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT DEMENTIA ALLIANCE

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THE FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST.
The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND.
High ethical standards in business and
professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD.
The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH.
The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT	Olayinka Hakeem Babalola
DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR	Graeme Hope
DISTRICT 9800 NC VIC COMMUNITY LEADER	Peter Shepheard
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CLUB PRESIDENT	Cora Fuentes-Mahnic
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VOCATIONS DIRECTOR	Rod Spitty
FOUNDATION DIRECTOR & IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Lindsay Jolley
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Shireen Yeoh
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER	Geoff McKinna

D9800 Goldfields Cluster Club Meeting Times

RC KANGAROO FLAT: Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park,22A High Street, Kangaroo Flat
Secretary - Geoff Wakefield: 0407 561 997

RC BENDIGO: Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club, Park Street, Kennington
Secretary: Daniela Ionescu – d.ionescu@latrobe.edu.au

RC ECHUCA MOAMA: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of month - 6 for 6:30pm,
Rotary Park Clubrooms, Rose Street, Echuca

RC BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7am for 7.30am start,
Peppergreen Farm, 40 Thunder Street, North Bendigo
Secretary: Paul Henderson – 0428 177 314

RC ROCHESTER 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6.30pm at the heritage courthouse,
community chat is on the 3rd Thursday at 8am at Rochester Hotel

RC EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm,
Mechanics Institute Hall, 8/12 School Street, California Gully
Contact 0428 468 298

RC CASTLEMAINE: Wednesday 6:30pm, The Cumberland Hotel
Secretary - Lyndal McClure: 0438 391 160

INNER WHEEL CLUB of BENDIGO: 11.15am, 2nd Tuesday of the month,
Mechanics Institute Hall, 8/12 School Street, California Gully
Bernadette: 0407051722